



Substance Abuse **Services in Wisconsin**

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Major Accomplishments - 1999

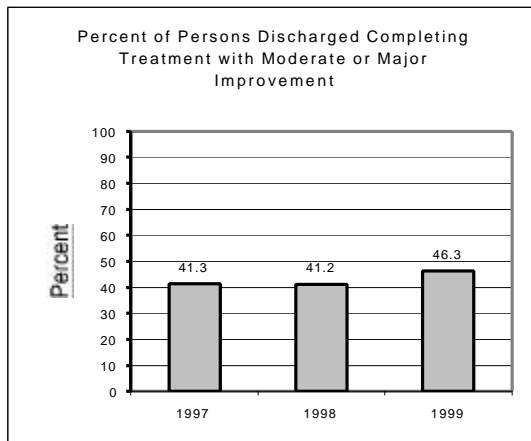
- The Milwaukee County Family Services Coordination Project was established in October 1999, to serve families in W-2 and Child Welfare Safety Service programs who also have substance abuse or co-occurring substance abuse and mental health issues. This is a ground-breaking coordination and collaboration of multiple service planning, service development, and service delivery that meets the needs of each family needing these wrap-around services in Milwaukee County.
- \$10 million in federal Substance Abuse Block Grant and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Funds for Women-Specific Treatment was allocated in the 1999-2001 budget. Two separate Request for Proposal solicitations resulted in seven awards for the Statewide Urban/Rural Women's AODA and TANF Eligible Individuals' Treatment Programs, and one award to Milwaukee County. The seven awards will benefit 11 counties based on several multi-county programs.
- The revised Substance Abuse Standards (HFS 75) were completed and public hearings held in May of 1999. Comments and suggestions were considered, and at the close of the year (1999), the Standards were ready for legislative review and will be promulgated in 2000.
- Analysis of the five-study State Treatment Needs Assessment Program (Statewide Household Survey, Pregnant Women Survey, Arrestee Survey, Treatment Capacity Study and County Composite Indicators Study) was published in October 1999. The analysis provides invaluable information for making decisions about allocating resources for substance abuse treatment in the future.
- County system and provider reviews were completed in Douglas, Marinette, Richland and Sheboygan Counties. These reviews will assist both the state and counties in identifying technical assistance needs as well as showcasing existing exemplary results.
- The Minority Training Project (MTP) provided over 200 minority trainees with support and training for professional growth. Twenty participants will receive counselor certification in the next year.
- Wisconsin's Compulsive Gambling Awareness Campaign received a funding increase in 1999 that resulted in the first statewide conference, a public information campaign, training for 55 individuals to achieve counselor certification, implemented a "train the trainers" program. It was estimated that 4,742 individuals called the 24-hour helpline.
- The Synar Tobacco Control Project conducted the third annual "compliance check" of merchants who sell tobacco products to minors. The failure rate was 22.0 percent, which puts Wisconsin in compliance for the third year in relation to the federal requirement.
- The Bureau has joined the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC), a multi-state partnership whose leadership includes the directors of each of the single state agencies for substance abuse in Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois. The project will include the participation of addictions leaders and practitioners throughout the region, both as trainers and as training participants for the development of advanced addictions training for the purpose of advancing the field of addiction technology and the treatment of substance use disorders in the region.

Performance Scorecard

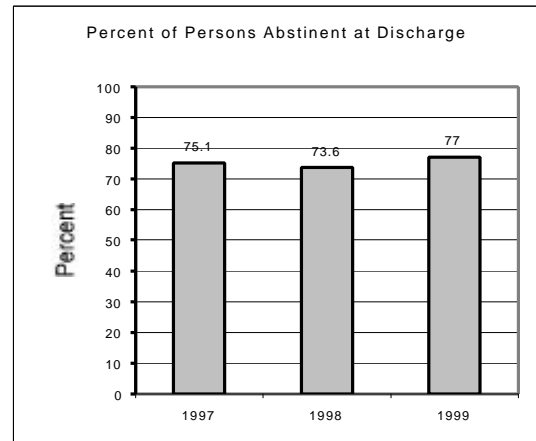
Substance Abuse Services Program

The substance abuse services program provides residential and outpatient treatment services for persons with substance use disorders who do not have health insurance. Services are paid for in part or entirely with public funds called Community Aids. This program is administered and operated through a state-county partnership. The total number of persons served under this program for the most recent 3-year period was 24,973, 24,838, and 23,509 for 1997, 1998, and 1999 respectively. These data are projected from a 68 percent sample of records which excludes Dane, Milwaukee, Walworth and Wood counties. Because these four counties only began reporting in this format in year 2000, data are not available for this report.

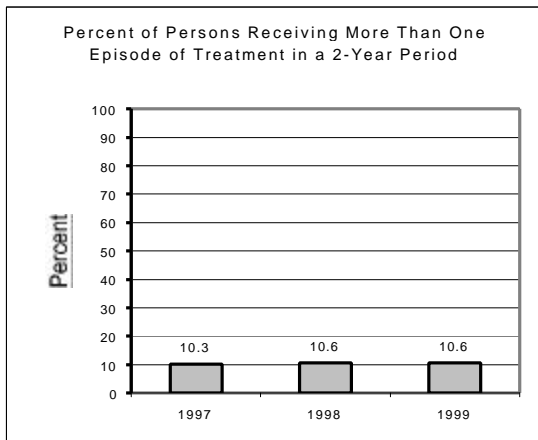
More people successfully completing treatment



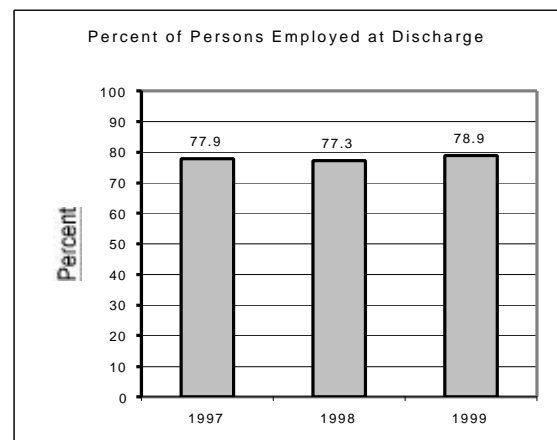
More people maintaining abstinence at discharge from treatment



Fewer people receiving multiple episodes of treatment in a two-year period



More people employed at discharge from treatment



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Data Limitations Note: This report contains data collected from different types of agencies. The capability of reporting sources to provide timely, uniform, and complete data varies based on the experience and qualifications of data reporters and the resources of the agency. Department staff edit, process, and analyze the data received. Quality assurance measures are in place to identify incomplete and/or inaccurate data. Agency-specific and group training sessions and other forms of technical assistance are implemented as needed.

Future Directions - 2000 & Beyond

- The Department will continue its mission to enlighten Wisconsin communities and policy and lawmakers that "Treatment Works" by publishing client and system outcomes and highlighting programs that work.
- The Department will continue its efforts to address Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAS/FAE) education needs, particularly for the training of primary physicians to screen pregnant and post-partum women for substance abuse.
- The Department will heighten its focus on addiction as a brain disease, stigma and consumer participation in the next year.
- County quality improvement reviews will continue with five counties scheduled for 2000. The focus will be on improving coordination among programs and the clinical aspects of treatment.
- An Outcomes Project is planned for 2000. Providers from a variety of locations around the state will be selected to develop and report post-discharge outcomes on a sample of clients. This information will also be used to design a client outcome questionnaire and a client severity index.
- The Department's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Bureau of Community Mental Health, and the Division of Health Care Financing continue to work with counties and other interested parties to implement Mental Health/AODA Managed Care demonstrations as recommended by the Governor's "Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health" report.
- The State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse will continue working on the Enhanced Benefits Project that it approved in the fall of 1999. Forums will be held for human service agencies, insurance providers, and state and local industry to meet and discuss this important collaborative effort.
- The Department plans to develop a pilot project to treat methamphetamine addicts. This will involve training and development of a new approach for treating this type of addiction.
- The Department will provide updated Research to Practice information through its monthly Teleconference Training series, enabling statewide audience participation through established sites and individual call-in opportunities.
- The Department will continue to enhance its newsletter and web site to include interactive opportunities and information access.
- The Department will continue development of statewide interactive communication through the Internet, electronic mail, education and training networks (ETN) and video conferencing to make the opportunity available to receive the most recent news, training opportunities and treatment information.